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TREES PLANTED AT BAYOU SEGNETTE STATE PARK

Reforestation efforts continue at Louisiana State Parks, with a donation of trees recently planted at Bayou Segnette State Park in Westwego. The cypress and live oaks replace trees damaged during weather-related events over the past few years.

Park staff and middle school students from the International School of Louisiana, located in Metairie, planted 100 trees in the campground and day-use areas to provide shade for the guests. The trees were donated by Resource Environmental Solutions (RES), the nation's leading provider of ecological offset solutions, as part of their efforts to support Louisiana's wetlands and environment.

"This donation has been extremely valuable for the efforts to restore and beautify Bayou Segnette State Park," said Lieutenant Governor Nungesser. "I want to thank the students and park staff for their hard work to plant these trees, and thank RES for their commitment to ensuring our park is a place visitors and locals feel welcome."



International School middle school students plant one of the trees donated by RES, in the campground at Bayou Segnette State Park.

RES, founded in Baton Rouge by New Iberia native Elliott Bouillion, supplies wetland, stream and species habitats and offset solutions throughout the Gulf Coast, Appalachia and across the Southeastern US. Since 2007, RES has restored, preserved and enhanced over 34,000 wetland acres throughout Louisiana. The 4-year-old program to provide native tree species, grown at the company's Nursery at Pointe Aux Chenes in Terrebonne Parish, is one way RES gives back to Louisiana communities, according to Bouillion, the company's president and CEO.

Bayou Segnette State Park is located on U.S. 90 in Westwego. For more information about Louisiana State Parks visit <u>LaStateParks.com</u>, or follow Louisiana State Parks on <u>Facebook</u> and <u>Twitter</u>.

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